

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a message at an interrogating call session control function ~~using a public service identity;~~

obtaining, at the interrogating call session control function, address information for [[a]]
an application server network function for which said message is intended; and

sending, by the interrogating call session control function rather than by a serving call session control function, said message to said application server network function in accordance with said address information, the interrogating call session control function implemented on at least network element.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said message is sent directly to the network function via a proxy or gateway element.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said obtaining comprises querying a database.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said database comprises a subscription location function.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said database provides said address information for said network function.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said database provides information identifying a further database.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said further database comprises one of a home subscriber server, user mobility server or service and subscription repository.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said further database contains said address information.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said further database contains configuration information of said network function.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether said message is for an internet protocol multimedia core network subsystem target or an internet protocol multimedia core network subsystem target.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said receiving, obtaining, and sending are followed when a determination is made that said message is for an internet protocol multimedia core network subsystem target.

Claims 12-42 (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said network function comprises a server, said server being configured to send a message for at least one user via a serving call session control function and to send a message for a least one user via an interrogating call session control function.

Claims 44-61 (Canceled)

62. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
means for receiving a message ~~using a public service entity~~;
means for obtaining, at the interrogating call session control function, address information for ~~[[a]] an application server network function~~ for which said message is intended;
and
means for sending, by the interrogating call session control function rather than by a serving call session control function, said message to said application server ~~network function~~ in accordance with said address information.

63. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a receiver configured to receive a message ~~using a public service entity~~;
an address information entity, at the interrogating call session control function, configured to obtain address information for an application server ~~or a network function~~ for which said message is intended; and

a transmitter, at the interrogating call session control function rather than at a serving call session control function, configured to transmit said message to said application server network function in accordance with said address information.

64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 63, wherein said address information entity is configured to query a database.

65. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium including a computer program embodied on a computer readable medium, said computer program configured to control a processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving a message at an interrogating call session control function ~~using a public service entity~~;

obtaining, at the interrogating call session control function, address information for [[a]] an application server network function for which said message is intended; and

sending, by the interrogating call session control function rather than by a serving call session control function, said message to said application server network function in accordance with said address information.